Dear Herman:

The Pediatrics Department here is interested in adding to its staff a member who would be interested in research along genetic or biochemical lines or borh. Nathan Smith, the chairman of the department, brought up the name of Neil Kirkman, who has been working with you, and I would very much appreciate your evaluation of his capabilities both as a laboratory and as a clinical investigator.

Too rushed to add much else just now; you must be in the same boat.

Yours,